

THE EDISON LIGHT BULB

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Tough Guys Wear Pink

By Isaac M., 4th Grade

Some people think only girls can like pink.
That is **WRONG!!!!**

There is no problem with boys liking the color pink.

If you want to have more friends I think you should not think that way. Today I want you to stick up for people who get teased for liking the color pink. That's what I think!

Here is my friend and he is wearing his awesome shirt. ;)

By now you probably understand that making fun of boys that like pink is wrong.



photo by Isaac M.



Not only do boys like pink, but girls love their ducks just as much as boys do, as Sarah P. and Isaac demonstrate. Photo by Zanne.

Bullying is Bad News

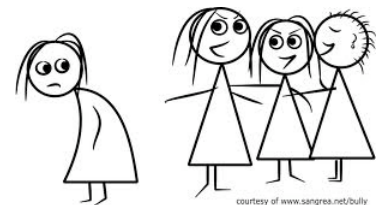
by Clio T., 4th Grade

Bullying is a form of abuse. It is repeated acts attempting to create and/or enforce one person's power over another person. The victim of bullying is often called a target.

WHY DOES IT HAPPEN?

Often times people bully others because their parents or older siblings are mean to them or maybe they get bullied a lot. Sometimes people take out their anger on others. Either way, if you feel like are being bullied, tell a teacher or a trusted adult. It's not your fault if you are being bullied.

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GIRLS CAN LIKE STAR WARS, TOO!

by Clio T., 4th Grade



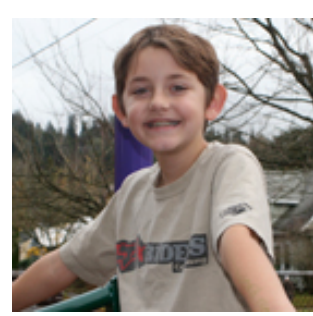
There are actually a lot of girl
jedi, like Shaak tii



and Aayla Secura.

Most people think that girls can't like Star Wars and stuff like that because they say its "boyish." A lot more girls like stuff that is "boyish" than boys like stuff that is "girly", but that's only what I've seen.

Not many people think girls should like star wars, but some people think otherwise, I mean some people, like the people who make costumes, want everyone to think what they think is for girls or boys. I'm just happy that Star Wars isn't all boys.



We had fun! The December 2010 Lightbulb Staff, from left to right:

Top: Esther Y., 3rd Grade; Clio T., 4th Grade; Maya R., 3rd Grade; Mallory L., 4th Grade
Bottom: Riley B., 4th Grade; Julia T., 4th Grade; Sarah P., 4th Grade; Isaac M., 4th Grade
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The Hoot on Owls

by Sarah P., 4th grade

Barn owls:

Barn owls are very cool birds. They have a heart shaped face, a pink and delicate looking beak, and they have black eyes, unlike all other owls. They are named the barn owl because they can be found in barns or churches, not only trees. I suggest that you try to learn more about the barn owl. Another name for the barn owl is *tyto alba*



Fun Fact: Owls eat rodents, reptiles and insects. Owls are raptors, birds of prey. Out of all the owls in the owl kingdom, barn owls have the best hearing.



Great Horned owls:

Obviously, Great Horned owls have horns, but those are actually just feathers - and not their ears! They are very big birds and (in my opinion) are quite beautiful. Another name for the Great Horned owl is *bubo virginianus*.



Elf owls:

When you hear elf owls you might think of an elf with pointy ears. But really, the only thing they have in common with elves is that they're sort of small. They live in the desert, not in a tree. Another word for the elf owl is *micranthene whitneyi*.

Tip: If you like fantasy and owls, you should read the Guardians of Ga'hoole series by Katherine Lasky



Top Ten Reasons to Love Dogs

by Esther Y., 3rd Grade

1. They are so cute when they are puppies.
2. They lick your faces when they get to know you
3. They play with you when you look so bored
4. They drag their bowl when it is food time
5. They whistle when they cry
6. They could sleep on top of your bed
7. They also lick your face when they want you to wake up in the morning
8. They bark when they welcome you
9. You can play fetch with them
10. They could play tug of war with a towel for fun



Facts about my favorite dogs:

Siberian Huskies are from Siberia. The Chukchi people used Huskies to pull dog sleds, herded reindeers and frigid environment.

German Shepherds are strong and is a alert breed. there eyes are dark and almond shaped. Their ears are somehow pointed to the front. German Shepherds' teeth are sharp as scissors.



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Happy Holidays!

Christmas

by Maya R., Third Grade

Our family celebrates Christmas with Tamales that my NaNa makes. She makes tamales in advance because they take two days to prepare. Last year my NaNa passed down our family recipe to my mom.

We wait till all of our family arrives to open presents. I have two uncles, two aunts and three cousins. My PaPa does all the cooking for dinner with a little bit of help from my two cousins and me. My NaNa makes cabbage salad and for desert my cousins and me help her make bunuelos. My PaPa built a very long table that we all sit at for dinner. Sometimes my great uncles, great aunts and great cousins come too.

On Christmas Eve my PaPa bakes bread and cookies for the morning and my NaNa and I bake cookies for Santa. My Mom and me travel to California every year for a week to spend time with our family. I wait till we get back home to open up all my presents from my mom.



Santa picture from google images

Recipe for Bunuelos

Large flour tortillas
Mixed cinnamon and sugar
Pure maple syrup

Directions:

Fry the flour tortilla in oil until it is golden brown
While it is still hot pour syrup lightly on top
Then sprinkle it with cinnamon and sugar mix
Cut into triangles and serve.

Christmas around the world

In **Spain** children place their shoes outside on December 6th. They fill them with hay and barley for the camels that carry the Three Wise Man. In the middle of the night The Three Wise Men come and feel their shoes with presents. This is also celebrated in different counties in Europe like Germany.

In **Germany** Christmas celebrations begin on Christmas Eve. Before the family has their feasts their father takes the children into another room and their mom brings out the Christmas tree. This is mysterious and magical for the children because they are not allowed to see it until Christmas Eve. While the children are gone she decorates it with apples, candy, nuts, cookies, cars, trains, angels, tinsel, family treasures and candles or lights. She then put presents under the tree.

Somewhere, close to the bright display are laid brilliantly decorated plates for each family member, loaded with fruits, nuts, marzipan, chocolate and biscuits. When she is finished she rings a bell to alarm the family that Christmas is ready to begin. They sing carols, read Christmas Stories; open presents and sometimes light sparkles. The first Christmas tree came from Germany.

Celebrate Hanukkah!

by Riley B., 4th Grade

Hanukkah is a Jewish holiday. It is celebrating the festival of lights to remember the dedication of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem. It is eight days long. Each night of Hanukkah, a candle is lit on a menorah. The eight candles remind us of the miraculous burning of oil in the temple for eight days when it was thought that there was only enough oil for one day.

Potato Latkes

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Latkes are a specialty of Hanukkah. The latkes are served as an appetizer, as a side dish, and even for tea with a sprinkling of confectioners' sugar. They can be marvelous if properly prepared, just before eating.

2 lbs (1 kg) potatoes

2 large eggs

Salt

Oil for frying

Peel and finely grate the potatoes. Put them straight into cold water, then drain and squeeze them as dry as you can by pressing them with your hands in a colander. This is to remove the starchy liquid, which could make the latkes soggy.

Beat the eggs lightly with salt, add to the potatoes, and stir well. Film the bottom of a frying pan with oil and heat. Take serving-spoonfuls, or as much as 1/4 cup (50 ml), of the mixture and drop into the hot oil. Flatten a little, and lower the heat so that the fritters cook through evenly. When one side is brown, turn over and brown the other.

Lift out and serve very hot.

Variation: Add black pepper, chopped parsley, and finely chopped onion to the egg and potato mixture.

Adding 4 tablespoons of potato flour binds the fritters into firmer, more compact cakes, easier to handle but not quite as lovely to eat.



photo of Dreidel and Gelt by Riley B

Dreidel

Dreidel is a Jewish game played by friends and family during Hanukkah celebrations. The dreidel looks like a spinning top and has four sides with Hebrew symbols on each side. To play the dreidel game, each player starts out with 10 real or chocolate coins (called gelt) or sometimes raisins or nuts.

Each player put one coin in the middle called the kitty. Each player takes turns spinning the dreidel. The symbols on the dreidel mean “get all”, “get half”, “get nothing” or “put 1 in.” Each player follows the dreidel’s instruction and play continues until the last person has won everything.

When is Hanukkah?

Hanukkah is eight days long and begins and ends on a date determined by the Hebrew calendar. In 2010, Hanukkah began at sundown on December 1 and ended on December 9. In 2011, Hanukkah begins at sundown on December 20 and ends on December 28.

Kwanzaa!

by Mallory L., 4th Grade

Kwanzaa was started in 1966 by an African American named Dr. Maulana Karenga. It is a seven day- long celebration from December 26- January 1st. At first Dr. Karenga introduced Kwanzaa for African American people to celebrate their heritage, later he realized it could be so much more. For example, people all over the world celebrate "Cinco de Mayo" and "St. Patrick's Day", now people all over the world celebrate Kwanzaa. The celebration includes drums, singing, dancing, feasting, gifts, and candle lighting. The main focus of Kwanzaa is for people to remember their African heritage, where they came from and togetherness.

The name Kwanzaa comes from the African Swahili language, it means "First Fruits". There are seven principles and seven symbols represented in the celebration of Kwanzaa. The seven principles are commonly called "Nguzo Saba", and they are:

- 1 umoja- unity (oh-MOH-jah)
- 2 kujichagulia- self determination (koo-jee-chah-goo-LEE-ah)
- 3 ujima- collective work and responsibility (oo-JEE-mah)
- 4 ujamaa- cooperative economics (oo-jah-MAH)
- 5 nia- purpose (NEE-ah)



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6 kuumba- creativity (koo-OOM-bah)

7 imani- faith (ee-MAH-nee)

The seven symbols are:

- 1- mazao- the crops, basket of fruits (mah-ZAH-oh)
- 2- mkeka- the place mat (m-KAY-kah)
- 3- vibunzi (or muhindi) - ear or ears of corn (moo-HEEN-ee)
- 4- mishumaa saba- the seven candles (mee-shoo-MAH SAH-ba)
- 5- kinara - the candleholder (kee-NAH-rah)
- 6- kikomba cha umoja - the unity cup (kee-KOHM-bay cha oo-MAY-jah)
- 7- zawadi - presents to exchange with family and guests (zah-WAH-dee)

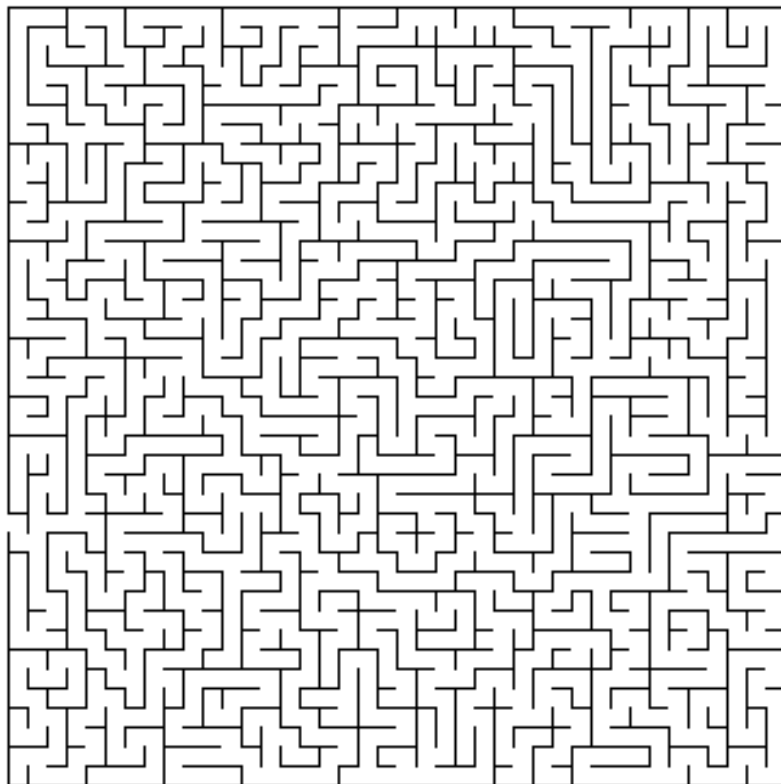
Candles are lit on a kinara to celebrate Kwanzaa. One candle is lit each day, it represents one of the principles for that day. They are lit in a certain order beginning with the center black candle, followed by the outer red, outer green, middle red, middle green, innermost red, and innermost green.

The table is decorated in a certain way by placing a colorful African fabric or tablecloth on a table, then place the mat on the tablecloth, then a bowl of fruit (which stands for the first fruits) then the unity cup, then corn, then a candleholder or kinara, then the seven candles. Last but not least, are the gifts. Most gifts for children are educational gifts like books or videos, and some gifts are homemade. On the evening of Kumbaa (December 31st), they have a feast called Karamu. On the last day they give gifts like a mat, or a candleholder, that they sometimes spend a whole year making. Gifts are often made instead of bought because creativity is one of the seven principles of Kwanzaa.

Fun Stuff

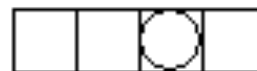
by Julia T.

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Word Jumble

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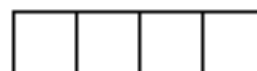
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Riddles

Why did the gum cross the road?

*it was stuck to the bottom of the
chicken's foot*

What color is a happy cat?

puuurrple

Knock Knock

Who's There?

Owls

Owls Who?

That's Right!

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